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TO AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: PROJECT PORCUPINE--NASA REQUEST FOR AIRCRAFT  
CLEARANCE

REF: ROME 2618

1. BASED ON REVIEW OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED REFTEL AND  
RE-EXAMINATION OF ALTERNATIVES, NASA WOULD NOW PREFER TO  
STAGE FROM CATANIA SIGONELLA (U.S. NAVY BASE) WITH  
ALTERNATES NAPLES (FIRST) OR BRINDISI (SECOND). PLEASE  
AMEND CLEARANCE REQUEST ACCORDINGLY.

2. RE PARA 2, POST IS CORRECT. AIRCRAFT NEED NOT REPEAT  
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NOT REFUEL AT ROME FOR FERRYING FLIGHTS. AIRCRAFT WILL GO

TO BRINDISI FOR REFUEL WITH WEATHER ALTERNATES NAPLES, CIAMPINO, CATANIA SIGONELLA. (FYI: IF STAGING IS REQUIRED FROM ITALY ENROUTE REFUEL STOP MAY NOT BE NECESSARY. END FYI).

3. APPRECIATE PROBLEMS CONCERNING POSSIBLE DELAY IN CLEARANCE DUE TO CIVILAVIA REQUIREMENT TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER MINISTRIES. NASA WOULD HOWEVER APPRECIATE BEST

ESTIMATE OF EMBASSY WHEN CLEARANCE MIGHT BE OBTAINED AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN SHIPMENT OF AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS NEXT WEEK. PROJECT MUST ALSO STILL GET PERMISSION FOR COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN LAUNCH RANGE AND FINAL SELECTED STAGING BASE.

4. FRANK SCHROEDER OF NORTHROP SERVICES, INC. WILL ACT FOR NASA AS ADVANCE MAN FOR LOGISTICS ARRANGEMENTS. HE WILL DEPART AS SOON AS STAGING SITE CAN BE DETERMINED. REQUEST NAME OF APPROPRIATE CONTACT IN EMBASSY. INGERSOLL

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